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Guy L. STEELE, JR.

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
EXTRACTING THE HIGH PART  
OF A FLOATING POINT  
OPERAND

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please add the following new sentence as the first paragraph following the title of  
the invention:

Applicant claims the right of priority based on U.S. Provisional Patent

Application No. 60/293,173 filed May 25, 2001 in the name of Guy L. Steele, Jr.

**REMARKS**

By this preliminary amendment to the specification, Applicant claims the right of  
priority based on U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/293,173 filed May 25, 2001

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